



## Roll Up, Roll Up

*Our Green will reopen on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2021*

(subject to government restrictions – Initially no more than 6 Members are allowed on the Club premises at any one time and the booking system used last year will again be used. To use the green please see the separate item “Use of green” shown below.

### Dear Members

Hope you are all still well and looking forward to some sunshine and hopefully some bowls

**We want to politely remind anyone who is yet to pay their subscription fees please do so before either playing in any league games or using the Rykneld Bowling Club facilities**

### AGM

We are sorry that some of you were unable to join us at the AGM over ZOOM, but due to restrictions, at the time, we were unable to hold the AGM in the normal way.

At the AGM we talked about the improvements the maintenance team had been making (now called the LAWN RANGERS). So, what have they been up to in our absence?

### LAWN RANGERS



As you can see the old tools shed which was not big enough for all the gardening equipment, we have.



Old shed cleared and disposed of and the ground has been prepared ready for the new shed

After our recent purchase of new green equipment, Dennis Mowers put together a seminar with regards to green maintenance and their equipment



A new programme has been put together on the way we treat and mow our green

In action are Mark Wilson, Richard Knowles, Dennis Young, Malcolm Holden, Dennis Read, Bob Burrows and not forgetting our groundsman Howard Collumbell.



Thank you for all your hard work



New water pump and housing. Our old water pump had a crack in it for some time and it was only a matter of time before it completely failed. New one fitted and new housing (made by Dennis Young), ready for the new season

The visitors pavilion was starting to look tired, so the inside ceiling has been painted white, new lighting has been fitted and as soon as the better weather comes the outside will be spruced up, all this until we can find money to replace this structure



The new pathway on the right-hand side of the green. This path was uneven and many of our members felt unsteady walking down this side of the green.....no more



**Changing of the Guard**

It is with regret that Gordon Lathwell has decided to stand down from the club's Committee, we want to thank Gordon for organising the club's competitions and all the maintenance and garden work he has done over the years 🙌🙌🙌

Mary Moore has also decided to stand down as a Committee Member and Director of our bowling club. Mary has also held the position of Secretary and President and put in an enormous amount of time organising our centenary celebration. 🙌🙌🙌

We are pleased to now welcome Julie and Paul Eason to the Committee, good luck in your new roles.

**Bowls Coaching**

Rykneld are going to start up the coaching sessions on a Saturday morning again. This is to help all members and any newcomers to the game. So, if you know of anyone, children, grandchildren, family or friends that want to take up a safe, non-contact sport that doesn't have you running around for 90 minutes, please come along. All they need is flat shoes, a willingness to learn and we will provide a warm welcome, friendly face and all the bowls equipment they will need. The coaching programme will be organised and run by Ray Selley and further details will be shown on the Club Notice board.

**Welcoming new members**

We welcome all new and returning members to Rykneld for the 2021 season. We look forward to seeing and getting to know you all

**Use of green**

In order to comply with Government guidelines and ensure no more than 6 members are on the premises at any one time it will be necessary to book slots via the Club Secretary Graham Buckley. The green can be booked for 1 hour sessions from 9am until the final session of 7-8pm daily (apart from Tuesday when the green will be available from 1pm). Please ensure you do not arrive prior to your booking and that you leave the premise 5 minutes before the end of your session and you will need to provide your own jack and mat as communal equipment will not be allowed. Graham can be contacted on 07946 457060 by text or phone.

## Bonus Ball



The Bonus Ball will be run again this year, so if you want to keep and play the same numbers as last year or if you want to join please let Dennis Young know. This will run for 30 weeks starting from 20<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at a cost of £1.00 per week, per number. Payment can either be in cash, cheque (payable to Rykneld Bowling Club Limited) or bank transfer (please contact Dennis Young or Barrie Ladds for bank details).

Remember you have to be **'IN IT TO WIN IT'**. Good Luck Everyone 🍀



## **YOUR safety is always our priority**

We recently received the results to a national survey that has taken place to see if there was an appetite for a return to outdoor bowling once the lockdown restrictions have been lifted. It clearly shows bowlers are keen to get back playing. Please take a look at the survey which can be found on our website on the in the news page. Anyone who does not have access to the website if they let Susan West (President) know I will gladly get a copy of the report to you.

We want to reassure all our members, that our club is a safe environment. Members who played last year are aware of some of the measures we have put in place. Anti-bacterial cleaning material for members and equipment, restriction on the use of the green and clubhouse. Going forward we will be putting in further measures, hand dryers (to eliminate the use of hand and paper towels). Sneeze screens to be fitted to protect servers and customers in the kitchen and bar area. On Saturday 13 March we have employed a contractor to deep clean of the Clubhouse, toilets and bowls shed.



This is Chris Stead from The Derby Cleaning Company deep cleaning our clubhouse.

We are trying to do everything we can to reassure members (and hopefully visitors in the future) that our club is a safe place to visit and play bowls.

If you have any worries about returning to the club please contact anyone on the Committee or if you have any further suggestions on how we can make the club safe, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Picture below is Chris Stead (The Derby Cleaning Company)